ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

No. CR 08-773

MARK A. THOMPSON
Appellant

v.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
Appellee

Opinion Delivered November 6, 2008

PRO SE MOTION FOR ACCESS TO RECORD AND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S BRIEF [CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, SECOND DIVISION, CR 2004-268, HON. CHRIS PIAZZA,

JUDGE]

MOTION GRANTED.

PER CURIAM

A judgment and commitment order entered September 13, 2004, reflects that appellant Mark A. Thompson entered a guilty plea to first-degree domestic battering and received a sentence of 240 months' imprisonment in the Arkansas Department of Correction as a habitual offender under Ark. Code Ann. § 5-4-501 (Repl. 2006). In 2008, appellant filed a pro se motion in the trial court seeking to correct a clerical error in the commitment order. The trial court denied the motion by order entered June 2, 2008, and appellant has lodged an appeal of that order in this court. He now brings this motion in which he seeks access to the record in order to prepare his brief and an extension of time in which to file his brief.

Appellant is proceeding pro se and access to the record is necessary in order to prepare his brief. We will therefore grant his request for access to the record. Our clerk is directed to provide appellant with a copy of the record, which must be returned to this court when the brief is submitted. Appellant's request for extension of time to file the appellant's brief, which is the first such request

by appellant in this appeal, is granted. Appellant's brief is due here no later than forty days from the date of this opinion. The copy of the record must be returned to this court when appellant's brief is tendered or the brief will not be filed.

Motion granted.